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EXTROVERTING BLOOD VESSELS )  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the claim summary which begins on  
page two of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page eight of this paper.

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